



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Santa Ana Region



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Notice of a Public Workshop for a Review of Provisions to Incorporate a Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake Watershed Nutrient Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) into the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will hold a public workshop to consider amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). The public workshop will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board Meeting on June 4, 2004 at the following time and location:

DATE: June 4, 2004
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: City of Loma Linda Council Chambers
25541 Barton Street
Loma Linda

Discussion

Pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d) the Regional Board has identified Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore as water quality limited segments, that is, applicable water quality standards (beneficial uses and water quality objectives) are not being attained or are not expected to be attained with the implementation of technology-based controls. The impairment of Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore is due, in part, to excessive levels of nutrients.

To address the impairment, the Regional Board is required to develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for nutrients that will ensure attainment of water quality standards. Regional Board staff has prepared the draft Canyon Lake/Lake Elsinore Nutrient TMDL that will be presented and discussed at the workshop. The report recommends amendments to the Basin Plan to incorporate the Nutrient TMDL, an implementation plan, and a schedule for implementation and re-evaluation of the TMDL.

A staff report on the proposed Basin Plan amendment will be available after May 24, 2004. A copy of the staff report may be obtained upon request to Board staff at (909) 782-4130 or from the Regional Board's website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb8>. The staff report and related documents may also be reviewed at the Regional Board office located at 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California, by appointment scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, after May 24, 2004. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at (909) 782-4130.

Public participation is an important part of this process. The purpose of the workshop is to receive testimony on the proposed Canyon Lake/Lake Elsinore Nutrient TMDL and Basin Plan amendment. No formal action will occur at the June 4, 2004 workshop. Regional Board consideration of adoption of a proposed Basin Plan amendment will occur at a subsequent public hearing. The Regional Board will accept written and oral testimony at or prior to the June 4, 2004 workshop. For the sake of the accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of oral comments. Comments should be submitted to Xinyu (Cindy) Li at the address listed above or by e-mail at cli@rb8.swrcb.ca.gov.

Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to Hope Smythe at (909) 782-4493 or Xinyu (Cindy) Li. Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board workshop should contact Catherine Ehrenfeld at (909) 782-3285 no later than May 28, 2004.